

09/849,662

MS164164.02/MSFTP189USA

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**In the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 4 which starts with "According to an aspect" with the following amended paragraph:

According to an aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method of determining the location of an Internet host using a first computer system, which comprises obtaining route information relating to a first network path between a host IP address associated with the Internet host and the first computer system. The first network path comprises the first computer system, the Internet host, and one or more intermediate network nodes. In addition, the route information may comprise a plurality of router labels associated with the host IP address and the intermediate network nodes. The method further comprises extracting a first location code from the route information corresponding to a router label associated with the Internet host or an intermediate network node proximate the Internet host, and consulting a data store comprising at least one data set having location codes and corresponding location information. The method further comprises obtaining location information from the data store corresponding to the first location code associated with the Internet host or the proximate intermediate network node, and providing a first location estimate of the location of the Internet host according to the location information from the data store corresponding to the first location code.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 26 which starts with "Beginning at block 52" with the following amended paragraph:

Beginning at block 52, the exemplary method 50 comprises obtaining route information relating to one or more network paths between a host IP address associated with the Internet host and one or more computer systems at block 54. One such network path may comprise the computer system (*e.g.* computer system 6), the Internet host (*e.g.*, host 4), and one or more intermediate network nodes (*e.g.*, nodes 8-24) therebetween. The route information may include

09/849,662

MS164164.02/MSFTP189USA

router labels associated with one or more of the host IP address and the intermediate network nodes.